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**Change of Leadership Ceremony:
New Warden to be Installed at Western Correctional Institution
on Tuesday, September 25 at 11 a.m.**

TOWSON, MD (September 17, 2007)---In an effort to better recognize the efforts of incoming and outgoing executives, Secretary Gary Maynard will preside over formal Change of Leadership ceremonies as wardens and other key Public Safety leaders are appointed and/or retire. The latest of these will occur at Western Correctional Institution in Cresaptown on Tuesday, September 25th, when Warden Bobby Shearin will officially take over from his predecessor, Acting Assistant Commissioner Jon Galley.

Warden Shearin is a 34-year veteran of corrections. He spent three years as Deputy Commissioner of the Division of Correction, commuting to Baltimore from Cumberland virtually every day. As warden of WCI, Mr. Shearin will realize his dream of spending more time near his home in Cumberland. Prior to his tenure in Maryland, Mr. Shearin spent 30 years with the federal Bureau of Prisons, where he held every post from correctional officer to warden.

Warden Shearin holds an undergraduate degree in Social Work/Corrections/Law Enforcement from East Carolina University; a master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University; a Certificate in Public Administration from the University of Southern California; and a Certificate in Paralegal Studies from Durham Technical Institute.

Mr. Shearin and his wife of 37 years have raised four college-educated children and have three grandchildren.

John Galley is another correctional veteran with vast experience both in and outside of the Division of Correction. Mr. Galley rose from the rank of Correctional Teacher to warden and, finally, to Commissioner of Correction. In 1993, Mr. Galley left the State prison system after 26 years to lead two local detention centers. In 1999, Mr. Galley returned to the DOC as WCI's Warden.

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Mr. Galley currently serves as Acting Assistant Commissioner for the Western Region of the Division of Correction, overseeing five facilities in Cumberland and Hagerstown.

Gary Maynard, who took over as Secretary of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services in January, is a firm believer in recognizing the good work of both incoming and outgoing leaders.

"Too often, important leadership changes happen quietly," says the Secretary. "The outgoing leader never gets credit publicly for his or her accomplishments, and the new leader takes over more or less on his or her own. A change of leadership should be a highly significant event in the history of the prison, jail, or organization."

Earlier this year, two Jessup prisons installed new wardens in similar ceremonies, and last month, the Division of Parole and Probation installed a new leader for its Baltimore City region.

The next Change of Leadership ceremony occurs October 5, when former Corrections Commissioner John Rowley is installed as the Warden of North Branch Correctional Institution.

WCI is a maximum-security institution housing approximately 1,740 men. It is located on U.S. 220 south four miles southwest of Cumberland in the community of Cresaptown.

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